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1. Like other members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, Pakistan firmly believes that the principles and priorities, as set out in the Final Document of the first special session on disarmament, remain valid in the post-cold war period, and thus should be pursued without exception. The fourth special session on disarmament, therefore, should serve to build on past accomplishments. Any effort that seeks to promote the security interests of a few countries is bound to be counter-productive. Disarmament cannot be achieved unless pursued in a non-discriminatory manner, that is, on the basis of equal security for all States, irrespective of their size and status.

2. Pakistan therefore believes that the proposal of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries to convene the fourth special session to review and assess the implementation of the first special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament while reaffirming its principles and priorities offers a suitable approach to attain the goal of general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control.

3. As in the past, Pakistan will continue playing its positive role in the matter, and hopes that the fourth special session will be convened sooner rather than later in the interest of international peace and security.